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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address
Raison sociale et adresse du
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Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution
Munitions Division (BK) / Division des munitions (BK)
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Title - Sujet DISPOSAL OF 155MM DUAL PURPOSE		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8484-08XA23/A		Amendment No. - N° modif. 001
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8484-08XA23		Date 2012-07-18
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$BK-372-22955		
File No. - N° de dossier 372bk.W8484-08XA23	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-08-10		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Razeau, Ida-Marie		Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur 372bk
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (819) 956-0578 ()		FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-5650
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Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Delivery Required - Livraison exigée	Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée
Vendor/Firm Name and Address Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur	
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/ de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)	
Signature	Date

Letter of Interest Amendment 1 is issued to make Administration Changes and to publish Question and Answers 1 through 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Administration Change 1:

Add E-mail address for the Contracting Authority as follows:

ida-marie.razeau@pwgsc.gc.ca

Administration change 2:

New Closing Date: August 10, 2012.

Administrative change 3

At LOI, Article 7.0 CLOSING DATE

Delete: Para in its entirety and replace with the following:

7.0 CLOSING DATE

Responses to the LOI should be submitted directly to the PWGSC Contract Authority on or before close of business August 10, 2012, 2009. The response should preferably be sent electronically, however, two (2) hard copies are requested to be mailed within 3 days of closing.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Question 1:

How many Units?

Answer 1:

There are 12,597 units x 88 submunitions in each projectile is 1,108,536 submunitions in total

Question 2:

Also, is recycling to the stockpile stores of another friendly nation potentially acceptable? US State Department Permission would not be a problem and DFAIT should also not be a problem.

Clarification required:

Can you please go back to the originator of the question for clarification? What exactly is meant by "recycling to the stockpile stores of another friendly nation"? To be clear - the intention is to fully demil all stocks. Anything short of that or any diversion of any kind is unacceptable.

Clarification reply 2a:

Understood. However, why?

We have military clients that we sell to in South America with Canada's and US Governments blessing who have a great relationship with Canada and USA.

We would like to offer these goods to these clients, rather than decommissioning them.

This should be a much cheaper solution?!?

Answer 2:

Canada is a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM). Although we have not yet ratified the agreement, it is the Crown's intent to do so. That said (and according to the original text of the CCM):

Article 1: (1) "Each State Party undertakes never under any circumstances to a) use cluster munitions, b) develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile, retain or transfer to anyone, directly or indirectly, cluster munitions and c) assist, encourage or induce anyone to engage in any activity prohibited to a State Party under the Convention"

Article 3: (1) "Each State Party shall, in accordance with national regulations, separate all cluster munitions under its jurisdiction and control from munitions retained for operational use and mark them for the purpose of destruction.

Article 3: (2) " Each State Party undertakes to destroy or ensure the destruction of all cluster munitions referred to in para 1 of this Article as soon as possible"

Article 3: (7) "Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1 of this Convention, the transfer of cluster munitions to another State Party for the purpose of destruction is permitted" Regardless of the cost, there is no other option than the outright destruction of these munitions. Suggest that you forward to the originator of the question with regards to the LOI the attached document for familiarization purposes. No further discussion should take place on this, the Crown's position has been made clear from the start.

Question 3:

The draft SOW contemplates shipping of the munitions to the contractor's site in Canada or the US. There is considerable discussion in the draft SOW regarding transportation requirements and shipping regulations/logistics. Mobile technologies could facilitate demilitarization occurring at the current storage location or within close proximity, with reduced cost and regulatory requirements. Has PWGSC or DND ruled out demilitarization occurring on DND lands or in close proximity to the storage location?

Answer 3:

Yes , DND has ruled out demilitarization on DND lands. We want the winning bidder to perform the work at their location. DND could dispose in Dundurn by Open Detonation, but that is not the purpose of this initiative and is why a contracted solution is preferred.

Question 4.

The draft SOW indicates that a minimum of 5 years experience is required including demilitarization of 155mm DPICM rounds in the last 3 years. As demilitarization of this specific munitions is not a routine occurrence, is it possible to broaden this requirement to include proven experience in demilitarization of 150 mm rounds as well as demilitarization of similar munitions in the last 3 years?

Answer 4:

At this time, the answer is no as we are simply feeling out current Industry capability through LOI returns. If nobody can do the work following LOI returns, at that time DND would consider loosening the requirements detailed in the SOW. There are companies that are doing this work who have a proven capability so DND's preference is to go to them. If they can't perform the work, then we would reconsider.